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DONALD B. RICE
President

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The Honorable William E. Colby
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

George Tanham has told me of your interest in some of the problems of intelligence access for Federal Contract Research Centers (FCRCs), including The Rand Corporation. We believe that the current regulations impose an unnecessary and counterproductive constraint on the value of national security research by FCRCs for their clients. I thought I would take this opportunity to assure you that our interest in the matter is genuine and extends beyond just our Project RAND research for the Air Force.

Enclosed is a discussion of our views on some possible modifications to the current procedures. While we have not discussed this matter with other FCRCs for several years, we would expect our proposal to find broad support from them and, indeed, from their (and our) clients, as was the case on an earlier Navy-sponsored proposal to DIA.

We would be pleased to elaborate further on this or provide any other information you would find pertinent to this matter.

Sincerely,

Donald B. Rice

Enclosure